

Minutes
January 23, 2025, Regular Meeting
UChicago Charter School Board of Directors
January 23 at 5:00pm
In-Person

Attendees

Board of Directors Members attending in person: D. Gorman-Smith, P. Ziegler, C. Mitchell, K. Lee

Board of Directors members attending via Zoom: K. Kinzler

Also in attendance: T. Island-Childress, A. Hull, A. Sergeant, J. Furman

- I. **Welcome:** Board President D. Gorman-Smith welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
- II. **Minutes:** D. Gorman-Smith made a motion to approve the November 21, 2024, minutes of the UCCS Regular Board Meeting, which K. Lee seconded. All approved.
- III. **Public Participation:** No public participation.
- IV. **Board Elections:** The University of Chicago leadership will not be appointing any new board members for the 2024-2025 academic year, noting that a five-member Board of Directors complies with UCCS Board Bylaws. D. Gorman-Smith introduced the slate of positions and recommendations for each position: D. Gorman-Smith as President, C. Mitchell as Vice President, K. Lee as Treasurer, and K. Kinzler as Secretary.

D. Gorman-Smith asked for a motion to approve the slate of officers. K. Lee made a motion, which C. Mitchell seconded. All approved.
- V. **Strategic Planning: Strategic Plan Framework and Work Plan:** T. Island-Childress presented the framework and proposed work plan for UCCS strategic planning. The board discussed the overall framework and requested priority be placed on data collection on the proposed comparison/benchmarking schools to help inform the priorities and goals of the strategic plan. The board also requested data on UCCS instructional quality across all campuses (including teacher effectiveness and instructional models). The Strategic Planning Committee was asked to prepare these two reports, including data from the last three academic years, to be presented and discussed at the next board meeting

A Hull presented the current UCCS budget update, noting that first-semester enrollment matched or exceeded budget targets. No significant variances or concerns were reported. All Special Education teaching positions have been filled.

T. Island-Childress stated that the partnership with Horizons National, a nonprofit community organization that provides out of school programming, has been finalized, to fund summer school programming for the 24-25SY. The program will support 30 students in grades 1 through 6. The goal is to build a long-term partnership and expand the program to include middle school students.

VI. **Executive Session:** C. Mitchell made a motion to hold a closed executive session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the UChicago Charter School pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act. K. Lee seconded the motion. D. Gorman-Smith invited J. Furman to participate. C. Mitchell made a motion to end the closed session and K. Lee seconded the motion.

VII. **Adjourn:** D. Gorman-Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.